

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Edmund Colby MUNGER *et al.*

Application No. 09/504,783

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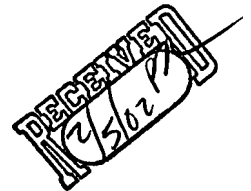
For: IMPROVEMENTS TO AN AGILE
NETWORK PROTOCOL FOR
SECURE COMMUNICATIONS
WITH ASSURED SYSTEM
AVAILABILITY

Group Art Unit: 2153

Examiner: K. Lim

Atty Docket: 00479.85672

Official

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendment and request its entry prior to examination of the claims. The Office is authorized to charge any required fees for consideration of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

72. A method for establishing an encrypted channel between a client and a target computer, comprising the steps of:

- (i) intercepting a DNS request sent by the client; and